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BY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2094)

(As Amended and Passed by the House February 26, 2026)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act directing the department of health and human services
- 2 to increase the number of inpatient psychiatric beds at each
- 3 state mental health institute.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. The general assembly finds
2 all of the following:

3 1. The state concurs with President Donald Trump's executive
4 order pertaining to ending crime and disorder on America's
5 streets issued July 24, 2025.

6 2. Nearly two-thirds of homeless individuals have reported
7 having regularly used hard drugs like methamphetamines, cocaine,
8 or opioids, and an equally large share of homeless individuals
9 reported suffering from at least one mental health condition.

10 3. Vagrancy, disorderly behavior, sudden confrontations, and
11 violent attacks often caused by a homeless individual with a
12 substance use disorder or mental health condition have made
13 cities unsafe.

14 4. The state needs to create space for many homeless
15 individuals in a long-term institutional setting to provide the
16 humane treatment these individuals need to address the root cause
17 of homelessness and restore public order.

18 Sec. 2. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES — STATE
19 MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTE INPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC BEDS.

20 1. No later than July 1, 2027, the department of health
21 and human services shall apply to the centers for Medicare and
22 Medicaid services of the United States department of health and
23 human services for a waiver of Medicaid's institution for mental
24 diseases exclusion.

25 2. No later than one calendar year after the centers for
26 Medicare and Medicaid services approves the waiver requested
27 under subsection 1, the department of health and human services
28 shall double the number of inpatient psychiatric beds in the
29 state based on the number of beds that were at each state mental
30 health institute on June 30, 2025.